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Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wellspring Family Services – 1900 Rainier Ave South

Commissioners Present: Mike Barta, Joshua Caple, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Jonathan Porter, Sara Woody

Commissioners Absent: Mark Adreon, Patricia Copeland, Rebecca C. Cory, Charlene Curtiss, Hope Drummond, Vickie Foster, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer

Guest Speakers: Tony Mazzella and Allison Schwartz, SDOT

Additional Guests: Five staff members from the Lighthouse:
David Miller, Mark Landreneau, Lane Johnson,
Nathan Bryant, and Steve ____

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Mike Chin

Call to Order: Mary Beth Lum called the meeting to order at 4:30

Public Comment: attendees expressed appreciation to the commission for meeting in the community

Approval of Minutes: November 2011 approved as read

Chair's Report: Mary Beth thanked Vickie Foster and Mike Barta for attending the annual Human Rights Day celebration. Mary Beth agreed to follow up on reiterating the Commission's opposition to SDOT's proposed 4-hour parking limit.

SOCR Report: Mike Chin reported that SOCR has successfully conciliated five of six fair housing testing cases

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- The City's Transit Master Plan is now online
- The Department of Transportation recommends twelve transit corridors to reach all parts of the City
- New technology will help riders determine where to line up for a particular bus
- The Commission should ask for a presentation from Sound Transit to address issues within its jurisdiction
- All trolley buses will be replaced in 2013-2015; the City will have input into the selection of trolleys
- SDOT welcomes advice from the Commission

Retreat Reflection

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the work that took place during the retreat, especially development of a draft mission statement:

The Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities mission is to create an inclusive Seattle by confronting barriers, raising awareness, and bridging communities.

Announcements

Waterfront Seattle would like to present to the Commission at an upcoming meeting. Felicia will work with executive committee to schedule.